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# Budget cut blues felt campus wide

Liz Kacher

The Dakota Student

President Kennedy and the Executive Council have made more progress on finalizing budget plans since the time Governor Burgum proposed further cuts to higher education across the state of North Dakota.

Back in January, Governor Burgum recommended \$31 million be cut in regards to

higher education during the impending 2017-19 cycle. Subsequently, universities across the state of North Dakota have been given the task to propose budget cuts to comply with what he has suggested — UND included.

All areas of campus — including academics, athletics and support areas will be affected by the proposed cuts. President Kennedy and the Executive Council intend on creating an efficient plan that

prioritizes certain programs and promotes future growth for the university as a whole.

College Deans were faced with the task of creating a budget plan that would detail how they could comply with potential funding cuts of 4, 8 and 12 percent earlier this year. The proposed numbers indicate the cuts were to be distributed in various amounts to colleges at those specific levels.

Last Thursday, a UND news release detailed that

the Executive Council did not “find conclusive evidence to vary the budget reductions at this time.” Consequently, each academic college has the same task of finalizing a plan for a budget reduction of 12 percent. Support units also face budget reduction targets of 12 percent.

Some students see the upcoming budget cuts as damaging not only their own future but the future of the University as a whole. Senior Erika Galloway spoke with The Dakota Student

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## Career Services to host event connecting students and professionals

Sheldon Hatlen

The Dakota Student

Students looking to expand their network before graduation or the end of the school year should sign and registered for the chance to have a personal discussion with a big time executive during this springs, Career Conversations.

Career Conversations grants students the opportunity to spend personal one-on-one time with presidents, CEOs and executive directors from the community and learn how they got from point “A” to point “B” career-wise.

“What better way than to learn how successful professionals from our community developed their own career paths?” Director of Career Services, Ilene Odegard said. “They may have suggestions for you, so take advantage of your time with them.”

UND senior, Megan Noack, currently works alongside Odegard as the department’s Communications Intern located in McCannel Hall. Noack feels the conversations are an opportunity students of the university should not hesitate to seize.

“We’re hoping the experience will allow students to establish a professional relationship,” Noack said. “To get their foot in the door so they can one day network with these executives.”

Though her time in the department hasn’t been long, Noack feels comfortable in the work environment.

“I’ve been involved with the department since September,” Noack said. “Everyone is so helpful and patient; I really like it. We’re all pretty close and are always looking out for each other.”

The department is anticipating at least 200 students to register for the conversations. Those who choose register, have more than 25 companies to pick from.

“The conversation will involve a lot of business professionals,” Noack said. “People who are open to discuss how they paved their way within their respective companies.”

Career Conversations begin Feb. 27 and end March 3. Career fields to explore are business/finance management, community and social services, education executives/administration,

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healthcare, information technology an UAS, legal and law enforcement, physical and social sciences, sales, management and hospitality, skilled trades and maintenance and construction.

“Once you receive the emailed confirmation including time, location and contact information,” Odegard said. “You will then be able to visit with the employer, take a tour of the business or agency and receive practical and insightful advice about your own career plans.”

To get registered for a conversation, go to [www.northernvalleycareers.com](http://www.northernvalleycareers.com) to find a time slot (or two) that suits your schedule. Registration closes Thursday, Feb. 23.

The event itself is sponsored by UND Career Services, Job Service North Dakota, The Chamber-Grand Forks/East Grand Forks and Grand Forks Region EDC.

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1 | Budget cuts

Student about her concerns about the impending budget cuts.

“I fear the academic

programming across the university is being greatly endangered,” Galaway said. “I fear that students and faculty will both feel it in the future.”

Senior Antonia Kalal

also discussed her concerns about the budget cuts in regards to her academic future with The Dakota Student.

“I am worried about my academic opportunities because I’m not ready to graduate yet,” Kalal said. “I am worried about professional programs, like the law school, since we have the only law school in the state.”

A petition on change.org was created to protest the administrative decisions about budget cuts deemed President Kennedy as “unqualified and unfit” to represent UND.

The petition details how Kennedy’s administration has “kept the students in the dark about

their plans to gut our liberal arts programs.” @MyUNDnotYours has grown traction on both Facebook and Twitter urging students to resist cuts against liberal arts.

The School for Medicine and Health Sciences, which has a separate budget appropriated by the State Legislature, was given a 10 percent budget reduction target. The proposed budget plan that complies with the 10 percent cut has yet to be announced.

Despite the decision of the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee back in October to keep all 20 sports sponsored by UND, Athletics has been asked to now find ways to reduce its budget by \$1.3 million. Athletics

has yet to provide a draft that will comply with the suggested cuts.

However, the budget cuts raise a new set of questions about UND’s recent move to the Summit League. Last month, UND announced its’ intentions to leave the Big Sky Conference to join the Summit League in the 2018-19 season.

Members of the Summit League are required to pay the league a penalty amount of \$150,000 for each Summit-sponsored program that is eliminated during the first eight years of membership. Being that UND won’t enter the Summit League until the 2018-19, it is uncertain whether or not this will affect UND’s future.

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Athletics and Support are asked to report draft plans to the Executive Council by Monday, March 6. If something changes about expected funding during the upcoming weeks, the targeted numbers may change.

A campus forum will be held weekly to address concerns by the campus community in regards to budget cuts. The first forum was held on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Education Building.

The Dakota Student will continue to report on budget-related issues in the upcoming weeks as new information becomes available.

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# Resident hall budget

Housing fees to be raised 20 percent for next semester, on-campus apartments not affected by change



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The Terrace Dining Center will be closed at the end of the spring 2017 semester.

**Connor Johnson**  
The Dakota Student

The University of North Dakota's Association of Residence Halls passed an upgraded budget last week for next year, as stated by member Amanda Cook. The budget, ARH-R1617-03, will come into effect next semester and raises the housing fees 20 percent from their current rate for students in residence halls.

Students in on-campus apartments are not affected by the rate increase. The new budget also raises dining meal plans by about 1.5 percent, all while tuition has increased an average of \$100 since last academic year.

The increase of rates comes from financial issues experienced throughout the university; the school went over budget last year, and was forced to cut spending by 20 percent.

"I feel like the [new] budget is not even," said student Jaki Lawrence, "because everything is go-

ing to the dorms."

Lawrence, majoring in accounting and political science, lives in Hancock, one of the halls of the Squires complex, for underclassmen age 21 and up. Amanda Cook is the

the '70s — is a definite issue; for example, McVey Hall's elevator caught fire last year, and was prone to breakdowns before. ARH intends to focus on renovations over the next five years, after building

rence, will be a \$450,000 renovation for on campus apartments, renovating the floors and paint job.

"It's very unfair to see [the renovations] go to the apartments," Lawrence said, recalling that

issues in filling their residence halls. Brannon, part of the Wilkerson complex, is currently empty with no representation in ARH.

With some exemptions, all first-year students are required to stay in the

single digits, slightly more than the current 8 percent rise per year.

Lawrence expressed her frustration about the rate increase, alongside the multiple advertisements around campus promoting living on-campus.

"If you want to see people stay, why raise rates?" Lawrence said.

The ARH meets every Thursday evening. Their office is located in Wilkerson room 132, and each hall representative spends two hours per week in the office (Bek Hall, Brannon Hall and University Place do not currently have any representatives).

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**Connor Johnson**, Dakota Student

representative for Hancock in ARH.

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Maintenance for the school's residence halls — many of which date to

a "strong financial base so [ARH] can take on additional debt and/or increase... re-investment into facility improvements." The first improvements, according to Law-

students in apartments weren't affected by the budget hike "while we (residence hall students) don't see any of it."

The university is also having some population

residence halls. Lawrence suggested the possibility of mandatory residence for second-year students as well; according to Cook, the increase of residence hall rates would stay in the

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# 6 | Opinion

# Presidents golfing rather than governing

Dave Owen  
The Dakota Student

President Donald Trump and his apparent propensity for golfing rather than spending time on the job has been in the news lately. Sadly, such activities for a president are not unprecedented or unexpected, but rather seem to show Trump adapting the Washington status quo rather than being accountable and living up to his campaign promise of spending time “Making America Great Again.”

Trump has spent nearly 25 percent of his standard work time in the first month alone on non-work related activities, and it is time to examine what would be an appropriate standard for the president, and how he ranks compared to other presidents.

As it stands, Trump has only been in office for a little over a month, so we are going to have to make assumptions on how he compares to his predecessors.

First off, standard work week is defined as five days from 9-5. Secondly, we will assume that due to a lack of data (he has only been in for 30 days), the work schedule of Trump will remain consistent throughout his first year as president, and the second being that golfing and relaxing at his resort do not constitute political activity or work.

While it is possible Trump is actually fielding important phone calls during this time, it was also possible that President George W. Bush was at his ranch or Barack Obama was in his various destinations during his presidency. By my calculations, Donald Trump would spend an astonishing 13 weeks of time on vacation, or roughly 3.25 months if his current pace continues.

This sadly ranks him as the second most vacation happy president of all time behind only President George Bush’s astronomical four and a



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President Donald Trump taking a break for golf.

half months per year on vacation.

Compared to both President Obama and Clinton, (.9 and .7, respectively) President Trump is on pace to

he was largely so in his second session when he had already lost his congressional majorities and had become a lame duck, Trump by comparison is averaging

Trump ran on a policy of “Make America Great Again” and “Draining the Swamp,” to become the worst offender in the swamp does not send an encouraging message

promises of putting America and its people first seriously, when he in this first month as president has taken as many non-holiday days off in a month as many

absence than Clinton and Obama behind, it’s inexcusable that any public servant and executive be permitted to take so many days off the most important job in our nation.

When you sign up to be the leader of the free world, you should be willing to work as many hours as the average American does, and take less not more days of vacation than they do as after all.

Your job is more important than theirs, and the consequence of failure in your position are such far more disastrous. It’s impossible to be frequently absent while simultaneously being effective, and America deserves for once a committed effective executive.

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## Dave Owen

spend anywhere from three to four times as much time on vacation as these former presidents, and has already taken a third as many vacation days as Clinton did in his entire first year. Now that we have the data for comparison we can discuss the problem of timing and perception this creates.

The first issue is one of timing. While Bush was similarly absent,

near Bush’s pace during the period when the president has the most power, the first 100 days. These first 100 days are crucial as they set the tone for the presidency and the influence of the president. It is also the time when they have the greatest influence and power to push policy through.

The second key problem here is perception. Seeing as President

and shows that he will likely leave congress to its own devices, being an absent president.

With each day Trump spends ignoring what he as described as a “broken system,” it becomes more believable that he is was never actually interested in fixing the system in the first place but instead becomes a symbol for what is wrong with it. It has become increasingly difficult to take Trump’s

Americans take in a year. This is especially disheartening when there is so much work to be done if we are to believe his campaign rhetoric about corruption in Washington DC.

Lastly, I would like to make sure readers understand that this is not a unique issue to Donald Trump. Even though Trump is currently on pace to be worse in terms of

# Student Loan Forgiveness

Elizabeth Fequiere  
The Dakota Student

Throughout his campaign President Donald Trump vaguely mentioned plans on reforming the student loan forgiveness program. Since he took office, there has yet to be any headway in this area but one can surmise that whatever plan Obama had in place will most likely be dismantled.

Right now, there are a few options for loan repayment and the shortest amount of time in which to have federal student loans forgiven is ten years with payments at a cap of ten percent of income each month, under the public service plan, which you can qualify for if you work

full-time for a non-profit or the government and make 120 on-time payments.

Under the Obama Administration, Revised Pay As You Earn or REPAYE was created. This income-driven plan requires payments of no more than ten percent of your income every month for 20 to 25 years and, at that time, whatever remains of your federal loans will be forgiven.

The Trump administration has alluded to a plan that will allow loan forgiveness within 15 years for a cap payment of 12.5 percent of your income each month.

In comparison to Obama’s plan, borrowers will pay more under Trump. In either case, it all comes down to income. The more you

make, the more you pay and most borrowers would likely have their federal student loans already paid off by the time the 15 years is up.

The “Obama Student Loan Forgiveness” program was enacted as a way to streamline the loan forgiveness process without detrimentally affecting a borrower’s household, which is why the cap on payments remained ten percent of monthly income.

Although Trump’s plan may seem alluring because of the short amount of time in which you could have your loans forgiven, at a cap of 12.5 percent a borrower might have trouble making payments when that money may be needed elsewhere.

So which one is

better? As a law student, I’ve garnered quite a large amount of student loans over the years, so obviously I would rather pay as little as possible in the hopes of eventually having the rest forgiven.

No plan is worth it without having some portion of the borrower’s loan forgiven, so to think I’d actually end up paying more just to have all my loans paid off for by the time any forgiveness came in to play seems dismal.

As of now, there’s no way of telling where the Trump Administration is going in this concern, but his defining moments in the presidency thus far have been highlighted by follow through on his campaign promises.

Previously, Trump mentioned the possibility

of privatizing student loans and allowing the free market to take over in this regard.

Getting rid of federal student loans altogether is one idea I can’t get behind. This would mean less opportunity for students to be able to have a higher education. Getting the loans in the first place would be extremely difficult, especially when talking about students who probably have no credit history and no real income to show proof of future payments on the loans.

Although I am for most conservative stances and I firmly believe in the idea of a limited federal government, the Democrats might have it right on this one. When we’re trying to improve

the future of our nation, finding a way to provide an education for the youth of America is incredibly important.

Having acquired federal loans to pay for school myself, I can say that I may not have been able to make it this far in my education without federal student loans. To think future aspiring attorneys won’t have that same opportunity is unacceptable.

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Opinion | Truth and Reconciliation

#7 - Reconciling the Past by Embracing Cultural Differences

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and Jake Aden  
Contributing Writers

As the Truth and Reconciliation series of articles continues, we look at reconciling past and present concerns.

The University of North Dakota draws most of its students from North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, all states with a large population of American Indians. In North and South Dakota, American Indians are the largest minority group while in Minnesota they are the second largest after African Americans. Even though they are a large part of the population, some American Indians feel overwhelmingly underrepresented and misunderstood.

The first inhabitants of this area were American Indians, who arrived at least 9,000 years ago. White settlement began in earnest in Dakota Territory in 1861 and in Minnesota Territory in 1849. White settlers who were mostly Scandinavian and German came primarily for the purpose of homesteading farmlands, and in

Minnesota for mining and logging as well.

The European white settlers had dramatically different ideas than American Indians about land ownership, the environment and spirituality. These differences help explain a then prevalent European view of

The European settlers came without the same regard for the environment, and sought ownership in order to derive value. With more modern sensibilities, it is now apparent that we had something to learn from American Indians about how to care for the

American tribes including those of the Great Sioux Nation (Dakota, Lakota and Nakota), Chippewa (Ojibwe) and the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Arikara and Hidatsa).

Across the UND campus there are a vast number of different minorities

tomatically think of race. However, race is only one characteristic of people. In some respects we are all different, but these differences are what create community - in our case, the UND community.

Differences in culture, language and values should

American Indian Students at the American Indian Center at the beginning of the truth and reconciliation process, I, and the rest of my non-Native group, felt uncomfortable and out of place because we were the minority. However, even before the end of the first meeting those initial feelings of discomfort were completely gone when we realized that we were all students. If we are brave enough to face that initial awkward stage, those gaps in understanding can then truly be bridged.

Hannah Balderas, an American Indian student at the University of North Dakota, stated in a “We are Grand Forks” article, “An important part of our culture is that everybody feels a responsibility to take care of each other.”

Relationships and understanding can help us create a greater sense of unity in society and across cultures. A new relationship between American Indians and non-Natives will allow us to develop a new perspective on how we treat each other and how we treat our earth.

*“Across the UND campus there are a vast number of different minorities and individual differences... Even if these students aren’t a minority in the racial sense, some may still feel like outsiders because of other differences.”*

Emily Falcon and Jake Aden

natives as savages and heathens whose culture was irrelevant.

Before the Europeans arrived, American Indian tribes were spread throughout the Great Plains. They practiced their spirituality and ways of life as they saw fit. American Indians didn’t have the same concepts of property ownership as the Europeans; rather than owning the land, they lived on the land and cared for the Earth as if they were connected and a part of it.

land and water and, perhaps, how to heal our vital resources.

As settlers moved across the U.S. and onto American Indian lands, conflicts frequently arose. Reservations were created through war and conquest, and formalized by treaty negotiation. Treaties were originally set in place to delineate land where the American Indians could live. Today reservations are scattered across the tri-state area that are home to different Native

and individual differences. Some students are first-generation college students. Others are from small town rural America and some students are from large metropolitan areas. Hundreds of students are from other countries with different cultures and languages. Even if these students aren’t a minority in the racial sense, some may still feel like outsiders because of other differences.

When minorities are discussed, some people au-

not separate us, they should unite us. It is important to realize that each individual comes from a different background and should be celebrated. Diversity gives us the opportunity to learn to appreciate difference and uniqueness. It’s up to each of us to build the friendly relationships and bridge gaps in understanding to truly care for other people and humanity.

Jake Aden, Co-Author of this article, says “During our initial meeting with

# Born to Run or Born in the USA



Bruce Springsteen working the crowd at a concert.

Cameron Campbell  
The Dakota Student

When it comes to Bruce Springsteen, most people love the wide variety he has laid out over the years. However, the question that divides most fans is “Born to Run” or “Born in the USA?”

The two albums were monumental in both Springsteen’s career and Rock ‘n’ Roll history. Each one of these classics houses great songs that are always turned up to eleven.

Starting with the earlier album “Born to Run.” The third Springsteen album dropped in 1975. The album launched him into commercial success.

The album opens up with the song “Thunder Road.” A love song for the ages. The lyrical genius of the song draws listeners in and doesn’t let go. The album never slumps

After the “Thunder Road” it goes straight into “Tenth Avenue Freeze Out” a swinging rock song with incredible saxophone by Clarence “Big Man” Clemons.

The second side of the album doesn’t stop. It starts off with “Born to Run,” a song that showcased Clemmons God-like playing ability. The album ends with a nine and the half minute arena rock song “Jungleland.” Needless to say you can’t go wrong with “Born to Run.”

*“They are both incredibly iconic albums and will go down as two of the greatest albums of all time.”*

Cameron Campbell

Now to the other side, “Born in the USA.” The iconic album cover of the bottom half of Springsteen with a red hat in his back pocket in front of an American flag.

The album dropped nearly ten years later in 1984. The sound of the rock has transformed by this

time and Springsteen essentially made a synthetic led album.

The album opens up with the title track “Born in the USA,” a power song sung by millions about the how the war affects people, focusing on the veterans who are coming back after fighting for their country

and being treated poorly. This is and was a powerful protest song.

Side A of the album ends with the calming but incredible song “I’m on Fire.” The B side of the record then goes into some of Springsteen’s radio hits.

Side B houses the classics: “I’m Going Down,” “Glory Days” and “Dancing in the Dark.” All of which are incredible songs.

After listening to both albums over and over again it is hard to decide which one is better. They are both incredibly iconic albums and will go down as two of the greatest albums of all time.

Unfortunately, there can only be one. Some of my favorite Springsteen

songs are on “Born in the USA” such as “I’m Going Down” and “Dancing in the Dark”.

However, “Born to Run” has a gritty edge that doesn’t come through as much on Born in the USA. Therefore, the better album to me is “Born to Run”.

Most people don’t agree. Give both albums a listen and decide for yourself. You will not be disappointed with either of them. There’s a reason Springsteen’s nickname is “The Boss.”

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# Features | (De)Constructing Race

Ben Godfrey  
The Dakota Student

On select Fridays during this semester, faculty and students of the UND law program will host in a series of discussions regarding race and racial injustice through both legal and social viewpoints.

As described in the university event calendar, “the goals of the series are to create space for conversations about meaningful difference, to examine and better appreciate how individuals experience the law and its effects, and to... critically engage as legal professionals with structures and hierarchies perpetuated by law.”

The group is organized and conducted by Sabrina Balamwalla and Grant Christensen, both faculty members at the UND school of law. The professors mediate and guide the discussion in a way that stimulates ideas and thoughtful contribution.

The meetings are called “(De)Constructing Race, Difference and the Practice of Law.” They have a set of general rules to ensure that conversation is constructive. Those who speak up should speak from their own experience, not from the experiences of others. They will not demean or put down people for their experiences, or lack thereof.

They will practice non-judgement and keep contributions reasonably brief so that everyone who wishes to speak may do so. Finally, the objective is not to come to an agreement but a deeper understanding.

For each session, one or two short readings are selected which will be the topic of conver-



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Associate law professor Julia Ernst (second from right) speaks during the (de)constructing race event last Friday at the School of Law.



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Assistant law professors Sabrina Balamwalla (center) and Grant Christensen (right) listen to a law student during a discussion on race and law last Friday.

raised the idea that one’s race, specifically caucasian, is an intangible “property” that gives one group of people advantages over others.

The group pondered whether there was value, even in today’s society, in being white as opposed to another

by the people present were interesting and impressive. Though it wasn’t a large group of people, there was a great deal of insight and deep connections made that honestly made me think about my life and the lives of others in a way I hadn’t before.

“white features,” she was able to “pass” as a white woman.

What’s interesting is that even though the country is no longer so blatant in it’s discrimination, the practice of “passing” still exists at some level. Has there ever been a time when you had to change your actions or appearance in order to be accepted?

“Whiteness As Property” by Cheryl Harris is only one of the readings discussed by the group.

At every meeting, a new piece will be examined that explores a new facet of unjust legal and social institutions throughout history as well as in today’s world.

These sessions are not for a class or credit, they are simply aimed at starting a conversation that would not normally be had and to gain a deeper understanding.

If you wish to be a part of any of the remaining sessions, you do not have to be a law student.

Even though the material is viewed through a legal scope, the sessions are open to all who wish to listen and engage respectfully in the topics and the experiences of others.

More information can be found on UND’s event calendar.

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Ben Godfrey


sation. On Friday, Feb. 17, the group went over an excerpt from a work entitled “Whiteness As Property” by Cheryl Harris.

In her writing, Harris elaborated on the inherent privileges associated with being white versus non-white not only legally, but also socially and professionally. She

race. One individual explained that it’s challenging for someone to recognize and acknowledge their own privilege when the life they live is all they’ve known. Few people have the empathy required to understand the different ways people are treated, the individual maintained.

The responses given

One thing that struck me from the reading was a concept called “passing.” Harris tells a story about her grandmother in the 1930s working for a retail outlet in Chicago’s business district. As a black woman in 1930s America, this was unheard of. However, since the woman has straight hair, fair skin and other



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# Major of the week

History just got a little cooler

Jacob Notermann  
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The History program at UND may not be structured uniquely, but there is more than meets the eye.

Unlike larger universities in the country, entry level history courses are taught by professors.

Hans Broedel is the chair of the history department; he can also be found teaching 100-level lecture courses.

"The focus of our department is teaching," Broedel said. "We do excellent research, but teaching is why most of us are here."

One of his recent courses was held in a newly renovated high-tech classrooms. The increase in interaction allowed by these new rooms gave Broedel an opportunity to redesign the class' structure.

Broedel let the students run the show with little interaction from himself. Broedel said the heightened responsible on the student's part, though stressful at times, increases attentiveness.

"If you're responsible for the class and for running the class and for whatever exercises you'll be doing that day, that's a lot more work for the student but it also means the students leads to being more engaged," Broedel said.

Outside of the classroom, students must remain engaged through the plethora of documents assigned for readings and analysis.

Kallia Rinkel, sophomore, is a history student at UND. She is quite familiar with the heavy reading and writing workloads that



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The UND department of History is located within O'Kelly Hall.

come with pursuing this degree.

She pursued a degree in history influenced by a deep interest for the topic in high school.

"I did well in those classes. I had a teacher who would give us the last 10 minutes of class to do our work and I'd be the only one doing it."

Now in college, she has not been able to fully indulge herself in history courses due to scheduling conflicts. She said she has enjoyed the limited classes she has had so far, but cites an issue with the writing assignments.

"[I enjoyed it] to a certain extent," Rinkel said. "I always struggled reaching the page requirements. I feel like I can say the exact same

stuff in less, so shouldn't I say it in less than?"

Along with finding ways to stretch a thought into an extra page or two, the history program claims to excel in communication skills. In fact, Broedel said the program develops the best on campus.

"Writing is, in this age of Twitter, is being devalued," Broedel said. "At the same time, you're going to communicate with writing and eventually one hopes you'll get to the point where you'll have to communicate sophisticated ideas in a sophisticated way and that's not easy. Historians do that very well."

He said that the program doesn't teach the basic foundation of writing. Instead, it focuses on style and logical

rhetoric.

Similar to many other programs on campus, the hammer of budget cuts slammed down on the history department. Their graduate program was unfunded, but the silver lining is the new opportunities for the program going forward.

"I think it's an opportunity to refocus on undergraduate education," Broedel said. "It's always been what we do best and it's an opportunity to look at our curriculum and perhaps revise the curriculum to respond better to what students at UND today are interested."

Those newer trends include students focusing more on thematic courses on topics ranging from disease in history to the devel-

opment of modern prisons, rather than studying a timeline.

"I think it's a shift away from this notion that our past consists simply of what guys in charge are doing," Broedel said. "It speaks to a greater interest in the human experience broadly conceived, not just sort of wars and presidents. There's a lot more to the human existence than that."

Rinkel's approach to history follows these trends. She said she doesn't look at history from an era-to-era perspective.

The skills acquired through this program are transferrable to many different fields. Broedel said the program is not only suitable for the traditional paths for teaching, but it is also one

of the best for pre-law students.

"In Europe, history is a traditional business track," Broedel said. "History prepares you how to read critically, how to assess dates, how to do qualitative research, the kind that business needs to do."

Rinkel said she wanted to use her degree to become an archivist for either a library or a museum.

"Whether I'm an accountant or living in a cardboard box on the side of the road, I think I'll always be interested in history," Rinkel said.

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# Fifty Shades of awful

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The Dakota Student

Expect to be disappointed if "Fifty Shades Darker" is in your plans for date night. This movie was nothing more than a mediocre film. The acting was amateur, the story felt slow and long and if you are comparing the movie to the book they are in different leagues.

The term "darker" was questionable. Most of the movie was about Christian and Anastasia's relationship. For being a R-rated film and having said to be a rather inappropriate and kinky story, the film actually lacked in sexual scenes. There were definitely not as many sex scenes as you would think, especially compared to the first movie, "Fifty Shades of Grey."

In the book, Christian is very in control and dominate. Anastasia is very quiet, shy and passive. She is supposed to be plain and dull. The film did not portray their personalities to be this way. I felt that Anastasia had control in their relationship and Christian would do whatever she said. Yes, he is supposed to be trying to not be the

dominate and have an equal relationship, but the way he is in the movie is too much; it's almost as if he is now being the submissive.

Anastasia is very demanding and vocal in what she wants throughout the movie. She's demanding of Christian—including in the bedroom—and also to other people in public. If we are comparing the book to the movie, that seems unlike Anastasia's personality. The book makes her seem more passive than the movie does.

Jamie Dornan, Christian, and Dakota Johnson, Anastasia, did not do their best work in "Fifty Shades Darker." They seemed stiff, cheesy and lacking in chemistry. Christian needed to be more masculine and passionate to be believable. Considering the pain he faced as a boy which created him to be a dominates, he should have shown more emotion.

Christian's troubled past was supposed to be extremely dark and cruel. None of the scenes in the movie really portrayed the brutality of it. The movie was not as thrilling as it could have been. With the rough

childhood and psychotic ex-submissives, I expected to be scared or at least feel an adrenaline rush through some parts of the movie. Instead, I was struggling to keep my eyes open.

The movie was drug out to 121 minutes and felt like it was going in slow motion. Scenes were long and unnecessary half of the time. There needed to be more action and drama.

The only thing I did like about "Fifty Shades Darker" was the visuals. The scenes were beautiful and elegant. Their wardrobes were gorgeous and regal.

One silver and one red, Anastasia looked radiant in the two gowns they dressed her in for the film. She looked amazing. This was also another reason why she is not very fitting to Anastasia's personality in the book: she was supposed to be a normal looking girl. If the background and fashion was not so glamorous, I would have fallen asleep.

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## Movie Review



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# Beer and Bacon fest

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The Alerus Center was buzzing last weekend at the Happy Harry's Annual Beer and Bacon Festival. The event featured 12 bacon dishes from local restaurants and over 100 different brews to try. Along with the huge variety of food and drink, festival goers enjoyed live entertainment and games such as the mechanical pig, Hammerschlagen and bag toss. Tickets ran for \$20 general admission (in advance) and \$50 for the VIP treatment. VIP guests got to be first to sample all the great beers and bacon and leave with a hefty festival swag bag. As a craft beer enthusiast and bacon lover, my festival experience was one of wonder and

excitement. I would say it was like being a "kid in a candy store," except it was more like I found a golden ticket to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. When I walked through the doors, I saw a booth with a large sign that read "BACON" straight ahead. To my left and right stretched tent after tent manned by the brewers of my favorite beverages. I saw Surly, Summit, Drekker, Schell's, New Belgium, Indeed and Rhombus Guys, just to name a few. The best part is that they were all waiting to hand me (along with the hundreds of other people) free samples of their most popular beers. I even found my number one beer, Peanut Butter Porter by Empyrean Brewing Co.

There were light beers and dark beers, porters and pilsners, IPAs and lagers. Brewers from around the country got a chance to display their creativity and show us why craft beer is such a quickly growing industry. I had a chance to speak with Mark Bjornstad, co-founder and president of Drekker Brewing Company. Mark put in perspective how quickly craft breweries can grow from his own experience. Based out of Fargo, N.D., the Drekker Brewery was launched in 2014 and now supplies beer to over 150 bars, restaurants and stores. What started out as a group of friends brewing in a garage has become a successful brand which is expanding faster than they could have dreamed.

This is the case for loads of breweries popping up everywhere. Why, you may ask? Because people love great beer. While domestic drinks are very popular, there is a different mindset behind craft beer. It's not about killing a case of pounders and getting into shenanigans. It's about raising a chilled glass with good people in a place you want to be. It's about enjoying the creativity of hard-working individuals and experiencing new aromas and flavors. Before I get too carried away with my craft beer pitch, I have to mention another very important thing: the bacon. Bacon, in my opinion, is good. Jalapeño bacon cheddar cornbread? Outstanding. Local restaurants and caterers pulled out all the

stops this year in creating unique and tasty dishes with this not-so-humble ingredient. There were bacon muffins, bacon pizzas, bacon chocolate and even a bacon cake (sounds strange, but surprisingly yummy). As the festival came to a close, it came time for the bacon eating contest. Four contestants, which were chosen earlier in the evening, each sat down to a heaping plate with three pounds of bacon. With one minute on the clock, the brave contestants attacked their plates ferociously. When the time ended, the plates were weighed and a winner was declared: an East Grand Forks man. After the contest, awards were given for the best beers and bacon dishes, voted on by festival goers. The winner

of the People's Choice Award for Best Beer went to Rhombus Guys Brewery. Brewed right here in Grand Forks, the beers made by Rhombus are a hometown favorite. The "Squealer" award for best bacon was given to Up North Pizza, for their mac and cheese dish topped with candied bacon. With the festivities over, it was time to go home with a full belly and fond memories. If you didn't get a chance to attend, I fully recommend checking it out when the festival comes around again. If you were there with me, I hope to see you again next year.

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The Happy Harry's Beer and Bacon festival exhibited breweries from across the nation as well as local entertainment.

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@ Northern Colorado  
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# Earning their feathers: *Football Recruits*

Adam Demoulas  
Dakota Student

The UND Football team made great off-season moves picking up 25 new recruits for the future of the football program.

Head Coach Bubba Schweigert and the rest of the coaching staff believe they have found some future stars that can develop to their full potential.

“They really have to believe this place is special and they want to do great things for the University of North Dakota,” coach Schweigert said regarding the new recruit class.

Multiple players have received opportunities to play else where, but really believe that UND is the right choice to develop their skills which says a lot about the program.

A number of recruits come from the neighboring state Minnesota. “I think we have a really good reputation in Minnesota,” Schweigert said.

It is important to recruit those in the five-hour radius and establish relationships that help make it easier to sign players that could easily play somewhere else. Although there is a decrease of North Dakota athletes, several North Dakota players have also been recruited to this years class.

It may seem that the switch to the Missouri Valley Conference made it harder to recruit players with the uncertainty, however, Schweigert claims it did



File photo/ Dakota Student

Cole Reyes (center) runs the ball during a green and white scrimmage last spring at the High Performance Center.

not change anything on the recruiting side of things.

The hawks want to remain fast and physical on defense while they play bigger competition.

Regarding the offensive side of the ball Schweigert said, “We have to become more physical then we were a year ago and two years ago because we are not where we want to be yet.”

Students are excited for the Colorado trio, Hayden Blubaugh, Tyler Shannon and Mikey Griebel that will join the team.

Blubaugh, defensive back, racked up 2,386 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns his junior year and 1,911 yards his

senior year winning a number of honors along the way. He displayed his physical and athletic ability on both sides of the ball in his high school years.

Shannon, another DB, put up average stats in his past high school seasons, but shined on the track team. He earned the Jeffco Conference MVP in the 110-meter hurdles as a junior.

“He has those long levers that we look for in our safety,” Schweigert said.

I think these two in the backfield will add a great presence on defense and help control the opponents passing game in the future when fully developed. Both

with great size, over six feet, are what you are looking for to shutdown bigger receivers.

Mikey Griebel, WR, is on the smaller side at 5’9” and 180 pounds. Griebel is one of the two wide receivers that committed. He makes up for his height with his deceptiveness and toughness. His role could help open up a different style of offense. The two-way player in high school rushed for a total of 3,700 yards and 789 reception yards.

The highly talked about quarterback, Brock Boltmann, from Edina, Minn., also joins the new recruited class.

“We think Brock’s style of play really fits

the type of offense we run here at UND,” said Schweigert.

Boltmann played baseball and hockey on top of football throughout high school.

He threw for more than 3,000 passing yards with 32 total touchdowns. Receiving a number of honors and being selected to play in the Minnesota football showcase all-star game at U.S. Bank where he was named the defensive MVP.

His leadership and competitiveness was displayed on all the teams he played for while at Edina. This attracted many teams including UND that successfully managed to

get him signed.

Over 75 percent of the committed players made an appearance in the summer football camp at UND. This helped the players develop and gave the coaching staff a chance to get a good look at all the players.

One of the players that stood out to me is Jeremy Jenkins from South Elgin, Ill. The offensive line player stands at 6’6” and weighs in at 280 pounds. With Jenkins’ size and strength, he creates opportunities for big holes by making key blocks down the field.

The defensive front also got an improvement with the explosive lineman, Nick Honerlaw, and the preferred walk-on linebacker, Hyden Reynolds, from West Fargo.

The 2017 UND football class as a whole shows great potential for development eagerly looking to continue the growth of the UND football program.

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Photo courtesy of Brock Boltmann’s Facebook page

Brock Boltmann, from Edina Minn., will play quarterback for the Fighting Hawks next fall.



Photo courtesy of Mikey Griebel’s Facebook page

Mickey Griebel, a stand-out two-way player from Columbine, Colorado, will be playing for UND next fall as a wide receiver.



# Repeating History?

Jack Harvey  
Dakota Student

As the shortest month of the year comes to an end it can only mean one thing. March Madness.

To many, March Madness is all about filling out brackets and always picking Duke to lose in the first round. But to hockey fans, March Madness is also about the college hockey playoffs.

This weekend kick starts the madness as WCHA first round playoffs begin to see who will be a part of the final face-off in March. The first round consists of a bracket with eight teams in a best of three series. The following series are 1. Wisconsin vs 8. Mankato, 2. Minnesota vs. 7. Bemidji, 3. Minnesota-Duluth vs. 6. St. Cloud State, and the 4. North Dakota Fighting Hawks vs. Ohio State.

As it's well documented in all sports the seeding is just a number. It doesn't matter if you were the best team all season, all that is out the door come playoff time. With that being said, I'm going to try my best to make my predictions on what will happen in these WCHA playoffs.

Let's start with the quarterfinals. For Wisconsin versus Mankato there's no way to look past Wisconsin in this matchup. The Badgers finished with a conference record of 22-2-4 to take the regular season title. In addition they scored 110 goals while only allowing 24. Compare that to the 4-21-3 Mavericks who scored 33 while allowing 98 makes it tough to go against the best team in the country and

WCHA. Badgers in two games.

The same can be said for Minnesota and Bemidji. In a two seed versus a seven seed logic tends to lean towards the two seed. Statistics on these two back it up. The Gophers went 3-1 against the Beavers outscoring them 13-2 in the four games played this season. In the 13 games played in the New Year, they've lost only twice and tied three times (twice to Wisconsin). Gophers in two games as well.

Now is where things get more interesting. The one and two seeds where above and beyond the seven and eight seeds so it wasn't an issue making picks there. The same can be said between UMD and SCSU with a



File photo/ Dakota Student  
Freshman defender Casey Johnson (left) pursues the puck against Bemidji State University earlier this season.



File photo/ Dakota Student

Brock Boeser searches for the puck in a game earlier this season against Bemidji State University at the Ralph Engelstad Arena

point differential of 36. The second ranked team in the country took care of business sweeping the Huskies off their feet and they will do it again as the

Bulldogs will keep this prediction trend going with a two game sweep.

Finally, we have the toughest one of all four matchups.

Fighting Hawks versus Buckeyes. This one is the most interesting one as well. The Fighting Hawks had Ohio State as their guest last weekend which resulted in a split. They won in a shootout and lost the second game earlier this season at OSU.

The win for the Hawks last weekend snapped a six-game winless streak and capping off a 4-7-1 record in 2017. As for the Buckeyes they went slightly better at 5-5-3. It's worth noting Ohio State played better on the road then at home going 8-8-2 as the guest.

It's with all this considered that my only upset (if you can even call it that) is the Buckeyes knocking out the Hawks in three games this weekend. The Buckeyes were riding a five game unbeaten streak before the loss and UND was

on a six game winless streak.

So you can etch these picks for the semifinals in the sand. The Badgers, Gophers, Bulldogs, and Buckeyes all advance. If the bracket advances to have the Badgers play the Buckeyes and Gophers play the Bulldogs there's a lot to dissect there. The Badgers have nothing against them against the Buckeyes. They swept them this year in their four game series. They've been the number one team in the country all year. Not for the past few weeks, or month, but the whole year.

As for the Gophers versus Bulldogs, it's safe to say the second ranked team should handle the fourth best team in the country. Well sometimes the right answer isn't the best answer. The two split this year winning both games at home

and losing both on the road. Minnesota and Duluth have been juggling spots all year so the whole two versus four is out the window. These two teams will produce a great hockey game at Ridder arena, which is home to the Gophers, who also went 13-0-3 all season at home. With that home cooking the Gophers will move to the finals. Finally, we get to the WCHA finals. Gophers versus Badgers. Midwest College Hockey fans favorite matchup unless you're a UND, UMD, SCSU, Bemidji, or Mankato fan. The two traded punches all season. The teams split the series going 1-1-2. The two ties came last weekend in Ridder Arena by the scores of 1-1 and 0-0. The gophers were able to take one from the Badgers 2-0 but then get beaten up by a score of 8-2 the following day in Madison.

The Badgers are obviously a good team but so are the Gophers. Before these two put up straight ties against each other, both were on big undefeated streaks with the Gophers at eight and the Badgers at 14. Wisconsin's last loss? To the Gophers. So there you have it, the Badgers are statistically the best team in all facets of the game. But to quote the great Lee Corso, not so fast. I have the Gophers winning the WCHA Final Face-off in their own backyard.

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# Flashback Friday

## A tale of two teams

Jake Andersen  
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It's no mystery the UND Fighting Hawks men's hockey team is in the midst of a season of adversity. After being swept by Western Michigan last weekend, the Hawks have lost seven out of their last 10 games and sit fifth in the NCHC standings with a 15-13-3 record, including 8-11-1-1 in the conference.

With four games left before the NCHC playoff, the Hawks look nothing like last year's championship team and are fighting just to get into the NCAA tournament. This is a stark difference from last season when UND's tournament chances were almost a certainty, considering their 23-5-3 record and share of first place in the NCHC. The underwhelming play is a shock to many who had high expectations following UND's eighth championship title. Yet, should it be?

Recent history would suggest not. Out of the prior 11 national champions, only five made it back to the NCAA tournament the next season and none of those teams made it to the NCAA Frozen Four. Furthermore, only one of the last eight defending champions have won a game in the NCAA tournament, proving that repeated success is no easy feat.

With this in mind, let's look to the last time UND was in this situation. This goes back to the 2000-2001 team who sought a repeat after delivering the university's seventh national championship in 2000. Yet, unlike recent defending champions, the team was successful as they ended up heading to another national championship, although in a losing effort.

This brings to question how the current team compares to its predecessor, as well as what they can take from them down the stretch, and most importantly, will they reach the same level of success?

### Key Losses

After winning the championship in 2000, UND lost four key players. On the offensive end, forwards Lee Goren and Jason Ulmer, who were second (63) and third (56) in points, respectively, were lost due to graduation, as well as captain Peter Armbrust.

In addition, the 2000-01 team lost a physical presence on the defensive end in Mike Commodore, as he would sign a professional contract with the New Jersey Devils. At the time, they were seen as huge losses with head coach Dean Blais suggesting a rebuilding year for UND.

On the other hand, UND's current team lost nine championship contributors from last season. The loss of forwards Drake Caggiula and Nick Schmaltz were particularly tough, as they were second (51) and third (46) in points last season just as Goren and Ulmer were in 1999-00. On defense, UND lost key contributors to the NHL in Troy Stecher, Paul LaDue and Keaton Thompson, forcing UND's underclassmen to step up on



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This Sioux hockey player is a representation of the 2000-2001 championship team.

defense.

### Better Situation: 2000-01 UND Team

While both teams lost key players, including two of their top three scorers from the previous championship seasons, UND's current team lost more on the defensive end between the losses of Stecher, LaDue and Thompson. Stecher was the top defensive scorer (8-21-29) last season, while LaDue was arguably the best defensive defenseman, as he led UND defensemen in +/- (+31). The losses have contributed to UND's challenging season, especially on the defensive end, whereas the 2000-01 team returned their top scoring defenseman, along with a majority of their defensive unit outside of Commodore.

### Coaching

In 2000-01, Dean Blais was coming into his seventh season as UND's head coach. Along with winning the national championship in 1999-00, Blais led the 1996-97 team to a title, giving him two national championships in six years at UND. Blais boasted a 161-68-14 record heading into the 2000-01 season and revitalized a program that experienced three straight losing seasons prior to his takeover in 1994.

Currently, Brad Berry is the head coach at UND after taking over for Dave Hakstol last season. Berry became the first collegiate hockey coach to win a national championship in his first season. Today, Berry's record sits at 49-19-7 and he will look to build that record in the right direction with the final games of the year approaching.

### Better Situation: Even

In his first year, Berry deserves much credit for leading UND to its first national title since 2000. Yet, Blais' track record of success, including two national

championships heading into the 2000-01 season, speaks for itself.

### Offense

The 2000-01 forward unit was led by top-scorer Jeff Panzer (26-55-81), who also led UND in scoring (19-46-65) during their championship year. In addition to Panzer, returning forwards Bryan Lundbohm and Ryan Bayda helped replace the point production of Goren and Ulmer by scoring 69 and 59 points, respectively. Statistically, UND scored almost 4 goals per game, while posting a near 20 percent success rate on the power play.

This season, UND is being led by sophomore Shane Gersich, who has 19 goals and 15 assists for a total of 34 points. Although there are still games left in the season, the point production likely will not reach the production of last season's leading scorer Brock Boeser (27-33-60). This is partially due to missed games by Boeser and freshman star Tyson Jost. Yet, even with Boeser missing six games and Jost missing seven, they are second (26) and third (25) in points, respectively, and both average over a point a game. For the season, UND averages 3.1 goals a game, while scoring on 18.9 percent of power plays.

### Better Situation: Even

While the 2000-01 UND team will likely have better offensive statistics, both teams took a dip in their goals per game and power play percentage from their previous seasons. In addition, both teams lost two of their three top scorers from the year before putting them in similar situations. Luckily, UND has a history of reloading with freshmen talent, as well as developing returning players in a positive direction. The offensive talent was unquestionably elite in 2000-01, as it is with

the present UND hockey team, even with the dip in numbers for both teams.

### Defense

Defensively, UND returned seven defensemen in 2000-01, including Travis Roche, who led defensemen in points with 49, as he did their championship season (26). Even so, the team allowed more goals per game at 2.68 compared to 2.20 the year before. On the other hand, the returning defensemen contributed greatly in improving their penalty kill from 82 percent to 85.4 percent.

For the current UND team, the difference has been greater, as they have allowed 2.5 goals a game compared to 1.8 last season. Their penalty kill percentage has also dropped from 86.2 percent to 84.3 percent. The losses of Stecher, LaDue and Thompson have clearly impacted UND's defense, as it has forced the likes of underclassmen Christian Wolanin, Colton Poolman and Hayden Shaw to fill their shoes.

### Better Situation: 2000-01 UND Team

The 2000-01 possessed a more experienced group of defensemen that helped lead UND to another championship game, whereas the current UND defensive unit is made up of less experienced players. While there is still time for defensive improvement for UND this season, it is clear that the lack of experience on defense has played a roll in an up and down year.

### Goaltending

UND returned both their goaltenders from their 2000 championship run in Karl Goehring and Andy Kollar. The combination was considered the strength of the club in 2000-01, yet top goalie Goehring experienced a drop in numbers. After posting a 1.90 goals

against average in 1999-00, Goehring responded with a 2.38 average in 2000-01. In addition, his save percentage dropped from .927 to .917. That being said, backup Kollar stayed steady posting almost identical statistics from the previous year except playing in four more games in 2000-01 (19).

Like the 2000-01 team, the 2016-17 Hawks welcomed back their top two goalies Cam Johnson and Matt Hrynkiw. After a season that saw Johnson post outstanding numbers in goals against average (1.66) and save percentage (.935), Johnson has not experienced the same success, as he currently has a 2.31 goals against average with a .907 save percentage. A combination of inexperienced defensemen and a heavy workload may be part of the reason for the dip in numbers, but nevertheless, is a problem to be fixed down the stretch.

### Better Situation: Even

Johnson leads the charge for UND again this season, but like Goehring in 2000-01, has experienced a drop in numbers. Although Johnson's numbers last season beat Goehring's numbers in 1999-00, what evens this area out is the fact that Kollar became a reliable backup for the 2000-01 UND squad, as he would start 19 games. For the present UND team, Johnson has manned the crease a majority of the season with backup Hrynkiw getting only four starts. In a league where having two quality goaltenders is crucial for success, Hrynkiw's lack of play could present problems if asked to play in important games to come.

### Moving Forward

As the Fighting Hawks look to salvage their season in pursuit of another national championship, they can look to their 2000-01 predecessor

for inspiration.

First and foremost, like the 2000-01 UND hockey team, the Hawks can take pride in knowing that they have the coach, as well as the talent, to win another national championship this season.

At the same time, the Hawks have areas to improve on, particularly on the defensive end. While they may not boast the defensive experience of the 2000-01 team, the younger defensemen have two upperclassmen to look up to in captains Tucker Poolman and Gage Ausmus. Additionally, they have the benefit of playing in front of Cam Johnson who has proven to be an elite goalie, especially when given the proper defensive help. If the young defensemen can learn from the past and tighten up defensively, there is no doubt UND can look like last's year championship team.

Finally, keeping star players healthy will play a big factor. As mentioned, key players Boeser and Jost have missed time this season, adding up to a total of 13 games. One of the keys to the 2000-01 team's success was the health of their team, as their top five scorers played in every game. Berry will have to search for ways to keep his guys fresh in order to set them up for success heading into the final games of the season and hopefully, another NCAA tournament.

If the Hawks tighten up their defensive play, keep star players healthy, and win crucial games down the stretch, the likelihood of another NCAA tournament appearance is high and as long as that happens, anything is possible, including UND's ninth national championship.

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